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To require that any request by the President for a declaration of war include a cost/benefit statement, and to require that any declaration of war by the Congress include such a statement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. JACOBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR DECLARATION**
4 **OF WAR MUST INCLUDE COST/BENEFIT**
5 **STATEMENT.**

6 Whenever the President submits a request to the
7 Congress for a declaration of war, the President shall in-
8 clude with that request a cost/benefit statement that shall

1 identify areas of risk and uncertainty in terms of the cost
2 in dollars as well as human misery and sorrow and de-
3 scribe them clearly so that the decision whether to declare
4 war can be made with knowledge of the degree of reliabil-
5 ity of the estimated benefits and costs and the effective-
6 ness of alternate plans.

7 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF WAR MUST INCLUDE COST/BENE-**
8 **FIT STATEMENT.**

9 Any declaration of war by the Congress shall include
10 a cost/benefit statement that shall identify areas of risk
11 and uncertainty in terms of the cost in dollars as well as
12 human misery and sorrow and describe them clearly so
13 that the decision to declare war is made with knowledge
14 of the degree of reliability of the estimated benefits and
15 costs and the effectiveness of alternate plans.

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